

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this Application. Claims 1-13 stand rejected. Claims 1, 2, 12, and 13 have been amended. Support for amended claims 1, 12, and 13 is given at paragraph [0040] of the published application US 2005/0090681. Support for amended Claim 2 is given at paragraphs [0033], [0034], and [0036]. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 14-15 have been added. Support for new claim 14 is given at paragraph [0036]. Support for new claim 15 is given at paragraph [0040].

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Breikss (US Patent No. 5,523,453) in view of Kreutzer et al. (US Patent No. 5,512,696) for the reasons set forth in the previous office action. Applicants respectfully traverse.

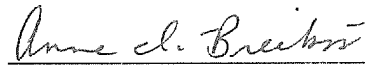
In the office action mailed on 1/11/07, the Examiner noted the broad open ended language of then-current claim 1, as well the lack of additional components such as coke and sand in the claims. Applicants have now amended claims 1, 2, 12, and 13 to clarify that the byproduct material used as a promoter consists essentially of iron (II) chloride, manganese (II) chloride, sand, and coke. Applicants respectfully maintain that the use of such a byproduct material as a promoter for hydrocyanation is not disclosed in the cited references, and that the successful use of such a material in a hydrocyanation process would not be obvious to one skilled in the art. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as currently amended, are not unpatentable over Breikss in view of Kreutzer et al.

This response is intended to be a complete reply. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-6 and 8-15 are in condition for allowance and request that the Application be allowed.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the present Application. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone. It is not believed that any fees for extensions of time or the like are required beyond those that are otherwise indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, please charge or credit the balance to Deposit Account 50-3223 (INVISTA North America S.à r.l.).

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